

## TO JAIL TO SAVE WOMAN.

### SHE ASKS "BOYS" PARDON.

Young Man, Caught by Husband, Posed as a Burglar.

That a member of a wealthy family posed as a burglar to save the honor of a woman is the story that will be told to Governor Higgins when he returns from abroad next week. The "burglar" is now in Sing Sing, and the woman for whom he chose prison life put the case in the hands of Chief Justice Hendon. The woman, who will not tell the name of her client or that of the man who sacrificed himself to save her. The woman's husband is dead.

The woman, it was learned yesterday, is also a member of an old New-York family. She is connected with one of the leading churches, identified with church work, and has a summer place at Narragansett Pier. The woman, it was learned, has been blackmailed for not less than \$5,000 by a servant once in her employ who knew the circumstances.

Mr. Hansen spoke freely to the newspaper men yesterday about the affair, but would not reveal the identity of either person. He said:

Last Wednesday a handsome widow came down to my office and asked for a conference. She told me this extraordinary story. She does not belong to what you term the "smart set," but comes from the best of the old New-York families. Her husband owned several large factories in Jersey City. She does not appear to be more than twenty-five, though she probably is more. She was accompanied by her child.

For some time a young man of a reputable family had been a visitor at her home. The husband, however, was jealous and suspicious. He was not wrong, for her husband's suspicions would not be allayed. The young man tried to escape, and when caught played the part of a burglar. He was arrested, indicted and sentenced to three years in Sing Sing. The lady is a widow now, and she has now saved the honor of her family. She is attached to him and his family. She has asked me to speak to Governor Higgins.

About the same time that the young man was sentenced, it is interesting to note, the disappearance of a student from one of the leading colleges attracted considerable attention.

Further down this Mr. Hansen would not speak. He will look up the records of the case and try to establish the fact that the "boy"—she spoke of him as a "boy"—is in Sing Sing.

The woman's husband is supposed to have died about a month ago. He fully believed the story of burglary, and, according to the woman, often remarked that it was lucky that he was home when he died in the nick of time. The woman is perfectly aware that when the whole story is aired before the Governor her name will be made public.

## KADRA GETS HIS REVENGE.

### Told of Higginson Burglary to Con- vict Man Who Betrayed Him.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Boston, Aug. 25.—Chairman Pettigrove, of the Massachusetts Prison Commission, was the first to tell Francis J. Cabot, whom it is feared, New-York will hold against demand from Massachusetts, at least until he has served time there for the Higginson theft.

John Kadra gets his revenge against Cabot, or "Holland," for betraying him to the police as an escaped convict. Holland used Kadra in the Higginson robbery, and then, when things got too warm, figured he would be safer with Kadra in prison. Kadra, who wrote the prison authorities, and Kadra was arrested.

In the mean time Mr. Pettigrove thought he recognized the handwriting, and looking it up found the charge against Kadra. Kadra learned of Cabot's betrayal and wild with anger, confessed the whole story to New-York officers.

## CUPID PIERCES JAIL BARS.

### Couple Meet on Way Into Penitentiary— Married on the Way Out.

A courtship that had been carried on at a long distance in the Hudson County (N. J.) Jail ended yesterday when the love makers were married in the reception room of the jail as they were going out to freedom. The lovers were Paul Zimale, twenty-two years old, and Magdalena Nijhar, twenty-four years old. Miss Helen Murray, the daughter of the bridegroom, and Mr. Pendergast, a lawyer, was the best man at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimale are Poles. Each had been sentenced on the same day from North Hudson to thirty days for assault. They met on the way to prison. They were separated on reaching the jail, but were confined on the same floor. They could not see each other, but made love by talking through the bars at the end of the corridors of the male and female wards, thirty feet apart. They wooed in their native tongue when the keepers were busy in some other part of the ward.

## FAVOR EXCLUSION OF JAPANESE.

### Foresters of America in Convention Pass Resolution Unanimously.

Buffalo, Aug. 25.—The Foresters of America, in biennial convention here to-day, unanimously passed a resolution favoring exclusion of Japanese from the United States, along the same lines as the present Chinese exclusion. The resolution was introduced by Senator E. I. Wolfe, of California. Senator Wolfe is president pro tem. of the California Japanese Exclusion Society.

Senator Wolfe explained that the resolution was directed only against the Japanese and Korean coolie element, which, he said, is as detrimental as Chinese coolie immigration. He has even gone into the contracting business in California, he said, and cited an instance where a Japanese coolie had been paid \$4,500 for an American could not do it for less than \$6,000.

The committee appointed to investigate the charge that Joshua A. Shaw procured his election as Supreme Court Justice at the Deuver convention eight years ago by fraud presented its report, which completely exonerates Mr. Shaw. Golden Rod Court of Foresters, No. 219, of Brooklyn, which made the charge is recommended for discipline by the committee.

## STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION.

### Small Vessel Hung to Larger One's Bow Till Passengers Were Rescued.

Newbern, N. C., Aug. 25.—In a dense fog today the Blanche, a small freight and passenger steamer, of this city, was sunk near Johnson Point, about six miles below Newbern, through a collision between her and the Neuse, of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company. The Blanche was struck amidships and cut through to the keel. She remained impaled on the bow of the Neuse, which gave opportunity to rescue all the crew and passengers uninjured. The Neuse freed herself by backing away and the Blanche went down.

## BURIED BY PLAZA HOTEL WALL.

### Workmen on Partly Demolished Structure Injured—Condition Serious.

While workmen were removing debris from within the partly demolished Plaza Hotel, at 59th and Fifth-avenue, last night, a large part of the north wall one story high fell in, carrying with it some of the ceiling.

William Murphy, a laborer, was caught under the falling wall, and it took hard digging for more than fifteen minutes to rescue him. He was found with a broken leg and many bruises and was taken to the Flower Hospital in a serious condition.

The noise of the falling wall was heard in the neighborhood, and for a few minutes there was considerable excitement over the rumor of a terrible catastrophe.

## ANOTHER CAPTAIN HELD.

### Third Arrest Under Immigration Laws This Week.

Another shipmaster was arrested yesterday for an alleged violation of the federal laws which provide for the proper care of immigrants on board ship. On complaint of Inspector Archibald C. Longstreet, Captain Cortoria, of the Phelps Line steamer Sicilia, was arraigned before Commissioner Ridgeway on a charge of neglecting to provide sufficient seats for the steerage passengers.

The master of the Italian liner Citta di Napoli was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields last Tuesday on a similar complaint. The captain of the Phelps Line steamer Ermy was arraigned on Wednesday for alleged violation of the immigration laws, and released under \$500 bail. The Department of Commerce and Labor is making a vigorous investigation of these alleged violations, and is determined to make the steamship companies comply with the law.

The complaint against Captain Cortoria alleges that the Sicilia left Mediterranean ports on August 10 with 702 steerage passengers, arriving in this city on August 24; that Captain Cortoria "willfully and unlawfully failed and neglected to provide and seats for the use of the passengers on the voyage during meal hours."

Under the advice of counsel he waived examination, and was held in \$250 bail by Commissioner Ridgeway to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury.

## FOR AN AIRSHIP RACE.

### Stevens Challenges Knabenshue—Lewis Ready to Meet Both.

A race between airships, sailed by A. Roy Knabenshue and Leo Stevens is to be expected about a month hence, in view of statements made by the two aeronauts yesterday, and it is possible that the race may be made over this city. Such a race would be witnessed by nearly a million people, as it would have to be on a calm and cloudless day and the airships would probably be about 2,000 feet above the streets while on the course.

The challenge, which was issued by Knabenshue informally a few weeks ago and repeated after his seced flight over Manhattan on Wednesday, was accepted by Stevens yesterday by Stevens. No terms have been agreed on yet, but they may be reduced to writing and signed to-day. It is probable that the race will be for \$5,000 a side.

"I talked with Knabenshue's manager," over the telephone to-day," Stevens said yesterday afternoon, in his home at No. 351 West 23rd-st., "saying I wanted to race him up to the top of the Empire State Building, and I shall try to have it come off over this city."

"I am at work on a new airship which will have a capacity of 10,000 cubic feet and will be about twenty feet long and eight feet high. There will be two engines, running air turbines at each end of the frame, and the engines and frame will weigh about 100 pounds. The turbines will be used to both pull and push the machine through the air. I expect to be able to make it faster than anything he can get. It will be ready for trial in four weeks."

"I will race Stevens any time he is ready," Knabenshue said yesterday. "and I believe my machine can beat anything he can build. Stevens can make the terms to suit himself."

Knabenshue has expressed a preference for a race in the West, where the weather is more stable than in this neighborhood. Stevens said yesterday that he thought a race of twelve miles, six miles up and six miles down, would be a fair one. Captain Arthur W. Lewis, manager of the Boer War, Brighton Beach, said last evening:

"The race is a good one, and it can be navigated by an aeronaut of nerve. I am ready to challenge Knabenshue or Stevens, or both, for a match race for \$5,000, matching the California Arrow against any ship either may produce. I have an aeronaut, Charles Hamilton, who will not fail to improve his opportunity and sail when he gets into the air."

## TERRIER SAVES CREW.

### Dog Barks on Burning Deck Till All Are Awake.

A little fox terrier proved himself a hero last night when the tugboat John T. Pratt caught fire at the Prospect-st. pier, City Island, and burned to the water. He rushed back and forth across the deck barking until he had aroused the crew, who were asleep; then he jumped overboard and swam ashore. The engineer of the boat, who is lame, escaped by crawling from his bunk and throwing himself into the water.

About 9:30 o'clock Captain William S. Snow left the boat. When he returned it was enveloped in flames. Several fire engines reached the place, and those were assisted by several tugboats and yachts which had been anchored near by. The flames lighted up the Sound for a long distance and drew thousands to the waterfront. Several boxes of cartridges aboard exploded and frightened those who were working on the boat. Many of the engines started to back, and the tugboat belatedly to the Pratt Towing Company.

Before the firemen could get any water on the fire more than one thousand feet of hose had to be stretched.

## DERRICK DROWNS BOYS.

### Drops Load on Boat Under Bridge Two Lost.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 25.—Charles Herzog, sixteen years old, and Henry Schroeder, also sixteen, of East Hartford, were drowned in the Connecticut River to-night as the result of a peculiar accident. The boys were almost under the new Connecticut River bridge, a derrick hoisting a bucket full of sand and gravel was started up. The boys were watching the progress of the bucket, which was to swing to a float and there dump its load. Owing to some mistake the bucket was hoisted directly on the boys, and the boys were killed. The accident caused only a slight panic among the passengers. The Morse reached the city on schedule time.

## HAS REMARKABLE PRISON RECORD.

### Chicago Man Never at Liberty Three Months During Thirty-four Years.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—After three weeks of freedom Frank Punshon, a swindler and thief, who for thirty-four years has been outside prison for no period exceeding three months, faces a penitentiary sentence again. With the charges and identification of six women, who declare they have been victimized by him since his release from the Joliet penitentiary, August 2, facing the man, whose record in criminology is unique, complacently views his return to prison and expresses little regret.

The latest victims of Punshon are said to have started within twenty-four hours of his completion of a four year sentence in Joliet. For two weeks the Chicago police had sought a man known as Frank Hope, who had been named in newspapers seeking the services of housekeepers and nurses. Meetings with applicants were arranged at the Joliet penitentiary, and the transfer of small amounts of money, on some pretext, to the advertiser, who represented himself as a clergyman.

## WOOTEN TELLS MORE.

### Armitage Mathews Refuses to Comment on Confession.

John W. Wooten, the lawyer who was convicted of theft and who was also indicted with Armitage Mathews and Samuel I. Ferguson for alleged conspiracy with David Rothchild in the looting of the Weisels estate, was taken from the Tombs to the District Attorney's office again yesterday to continue his confession to Assistant District Attorney Kresel, Mr. Jerome having gone to his summer home in Lakeville, Conn., to nurse a cold. The burden of Wooten's story relates to the transactions in which Armitage Mathews was interested as the agent for a security company which went on Rothchild's bond when Rothchild was executor of the Weisels estate.

Wooten says that he acted as messenger for Rothchild whenever Rothchild sent checks to Mathews, and that Rothchild paid to Mathews as much as \$3,750 to prevent the surety company from getting the bond. He says that he and Mathews had no suspicion at the time that Rothchild was looting the Weisels estate. Regarding the check for \$1,000 which Wooten was convicted of stealing, Wooten says:

On the day this check for \$1,000 was drawn, Mathews telephoned to me and told me that the company would not remain on the bond any longer. He said that he was talking from the courthouse, where he had filed papers and obtained a citation ordering Rothchild to show cause why the surety company should not be permitted to withdraw from the bond and other surety substituted. Rothchild nearly fainted when he heard what had been done. He told me to rush to Mathews and beg him to delay the taking the legal action. Mathews said that the company might agree to remain on the bond if the second year's premium was paid. I told this to Rothchild and he gave me the check for \$1,000, which I turned over to Mathews.

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The attention of Armitage Mathews was called yesterday at the headquarters of the Republican County Committee, where he is secretary, to the statement of Wooten regarding him, but he declined to make any comment on it. A member of the law firm that is counsel for Mathews has refused to say whether he testified that Mathews returned the \$1,000 to him. That he did hand money to Rothchild is absolutely true.

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Miss May Trimble, the stenographer who stated contradictory affidavits in the Wooten case, had another talk with Mr. Kresel yesterday. It is understood that in a new statement she has told the reason why she contradicted her first affidavit. Mr. Kresel yesterday declined to make known the character of her new statement.

## HOCH'S BIGAMY CASES DROPPED.

### Failure of Prosecution to Call or Continue Them Makes Indictments Ineffective.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Johann Hoch, who was to have been hanged to-day for the murder of Marie Walker-Hoch, will never be tried on the charges of bigamy hanging over his head, as the cases were never called or continued by the State's Attorney in the four terms of court which have passed since the indictments were found. The prosecution is powerless now to prevent his discharge on the bigamy charges. While Hoch was believed to have at least twenty wives, only two indictable cases were found.

## INSANE MACHINIST A SUICIDE.

### While Drunk Had Attempted Life of Employer Before Going to Asylum.

Cincinnati, Aug. 25.—George Wolfel, an expert machinist, who, after having been discharged for drunkenness several months ago, shot his employer, Richard C. Stewart, of the Stewart Iron Works, at Covington, Ky., to-day committed suicide at his home in this city. Mr. Stewart recovered and Wolfel was adjudged insane, but after a short time was released from the asylum. He continued to show signs of mental disturbance, and to-day, after a violent quarrel with his wife, cut his throat.

## JAPANESE VISIT COTTON MILLS.

### Baron Komura and a Party Entertained at Manchester—Big Crowd Cheers Them.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 25.—Baron Komura and four members of the Japanese peace commission went to Manchester, N. H., to-day to visit the extensive cotton mills in that city. Those accompanying the baron were Mr. Sato, Mr. Takashita, Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Konishi. A special car was added to the regular 8:30 train, and as the party was late the train was held fifteen minutes for their arrival from the hotel. Mr. Takashita, who was to make the trip, did not go.

When the train reached Manchester the car containing the Japanese party was switched to other tracks and run directly into the yard of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company.

A large crowd received the envoys with cheers at the station. Governor John McLean of New-Hampshire, Henry M. Putney, of the New-Hampshire Railroad, and Commander Charles H. Floyd, of Manchester, and others, comprising a reception committee, who had boarded the train at East Manchester, were joined by the visitors at the station. A delegation of mill men, Herman F. Straw, agent of the Amoskeag company, Captain Charles H. Manning and Captain Harry L. Parker, superintendent of the Amoskeag, who were present on the inspection tour. All parts of the plant, which employs eleven thousand hands, were looked over.

A luncheon was given for the visitors at the Derryfield Club by Mr. Straw. In the afternoon the visitors were shown about the city. They returned to Portsmouth at 6:30.

## NEGRO CHURCH BLOWN UP.

### Threats to Drive Colored People from Town if Arrests Are Made Follow.

Vincennes, Ind., Aug. 25.—As the result of a race war at Carlisle the negro Baptist Church was destroyed early to-day by dynamite, which was placed under the altar. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail of the dynamiters. Threats are being made that if any arrests are made every negro in the town will be driven out.

## BOY CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Philip Bishop, the thirteen-year-old boy, who fatally shot Catherine Doran in front of her candy store, at No. 157 High-st., Brooklyn, on August 15, was arraigned in the Children's Court in that city yesterday, and remanded to the House of Detention. The charge against him was manslaughter, both sides agreeing to the charge. The case will be presented to the grand jury on September 12. The police are inclined to believe the boy when he says he did not intend to shoot the girl.

## FINED FOR SPEEDING AUTOMOBILES.

Frederick Snyder, of No. 1,327 Wattle-st., Philadelphia; Raymond Alford, of Greenwich, Conn., and Carl S. Batchelder, of New York, were fined \$5 each, and Perry H. Dow, of New York, was fined \$10, for speeding on the streets of Philadelphia. The first attempt that has been made to put a stop to the practice of speeding on the streets of Philadelphia.

## NO NEW CASES AT MANILA.

Manila, Aug. 25.—During the last ten hours no new cases of cholera have been reported.

## THIRTY THOUGHT DROWNED.

### Damage from Colorado Cloudburst Greater than First Reported.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 25.—Yesterday's disaster in the coal mines of Southern Colorado proved worse than first reports indicated, and not less than thirty lives are now believed to have been lost. Tobacco and Berwind were the chief sufferers. Both towns are in Rhode Canon, through which a small stream flows ordinarily, but yesterday's cloudburst sent a flood down the narrow canon, which swept away nearly all buildings in the two places and drowned an as yet unknown number of coal miners and members of their families.

There was no warning and no time to escape. The water burst upon Tobacco a moment after its roar was heard, and all who were within its reach were swept away. The disaster was repeated at Berwind, where the same conditions existed. The list is growing steadily. Thus far only two of the dead are known by name, but thirty persons are known to be missing, and when details are gathered from both towns it is believed the death list will be increased.

With scarcely an exception the coal mining camps of the southern district are built in narrow gulches and ravines, and such a flood as that of yesterday means their practical destruction, the buildings, light frames or adobe.

## BALTIMORE CELLARS FLOODED.

### Lightning Ball Goes Through County Courthouse—Railroads Washed Out.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Baltimore, Aug. 25.—Cloudbursts yesterday and to-day, followed by a continuous downpour for six hours throughout Maryland, have caused washouts on the railroads and tremendous damage to crops. The lower section of this city was flooded to-day, and hundreds of cellars were filled with water. Lightning struck a big tree in front of the Baltimore County Courthouse and a ball of fire flew through the corridor. Four of the clerks were seriously shocked.

A big Ferris wheel at a Riverview resort was overturned. There are numerous washouts along the Western Maryland and Norfolk and Western railroads. The main line of the Northern Central Railway has been washed out between Parkton and Bently. In this section the track crosses several streams, there being four bridges. At each of these bridges a trestle of from fifty to one hundred feet has been washed out. Through trains over the Northern Central, both north and south, were sent by way of Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

## IN STORM WITH UNCONSCIOUS FRIEND.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 25.—While Robert Collins was returning from Greens Farms in his automobile late this afternoon an electrical storm broke with great force. Collins and his companion, Thomas Flynn, came to a halt beneath a big tree on the outskirts of the city. The lightning struck the tree and Flynn was rendered unconscious. Collins started for the city in the downpour, carrying Flynn, who two hours later regained consciousness.

## WATER BOARD WORK BLOCKED.

### Cannot Get Enough Employees from Civil Service Commission.

It has developed that the Board of Water Supply is tied up in the prosecution of the work before it on account of defects in the Civil Service law. The board has organized, and is in a position to secure its field staff of working employees. The board has applied to the Civil Service Commission for an eligible list of engineers and others to make up the necessary field staff. About fifty are required. There are only about ten on the eligible list for such positions, and of this limited number many are unwilling to leave town for the sake of the position.

As a result the hands of the Board of Water Supply will remain tied up until the Civil Service Commission can solve the problem.

## IRON WORKERS' STRIKE EXPLAINED.

### President of Association Tells of Trouble with American Bridge Company.

Cleveland, Aug. 25.—Frank Buchanan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, issued a statement to-day, giving his version of the strike against the American Bridge Company. President Buchanan said in part:

The American Bridge Company is using coercive methods to get all the workers to join in forming the National Association of Erectors of Structural Steel and Iron. It has succeeded in getting a large number of employers, for these employers believe that if they oppose the wishes of the American Bridge Company they could not succeed in their business. Hence, their submission to the dictates of the American Bridge Company.

This company has successfully attacked the labor organizations of its mill workers; it has repeatedly discharged workers for no other reason than that they refused to join the company. It is calculated to endanger industrial freedom whenever possible.

In the jurisdiction of Local No. 15, at New-Haven, where the present trouble started, the American Bridge Company secured a contract from the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for the erection of about three thousand tons of steel at a price higher than the Boston Bridge Company had bid. We have been informed that the railroad company let this contract to the American Bridge Company believing it to employ union men, and that there would be no labor troubles. Then the American Bridge Company sublet this contract to the Boston Bridge Company, knowing that it was working in violation of the established rules of our association in that locality.

## DECADENCE IN ART OF SPEAKING.

### Address Before Stenographers Says Enunciation is Growing Less Clear.

The convention of the State Stenographers' Association of New-York finished its session in this city yesterday, after selecting Albany as the place for the next convention.

Mr. Carroll, in a paper on "The Speaker's Part in a Stenographic Report," said:

While I honestly believe that the stenographic art has made great strides within the last two decades, and that the English speaking world has never known a time that there were so many expert shorthand writers as there are now, I am equally convinced that there has been a decided decadence in the clearness of enunciation, not only in members of the bar, but in public speakers generally, and a like deterioration in accuracy of expression.

## HAD TO KILL HER OLD PET.

### Miss Colgate Orders Faithful Horse Shot—He Was Thirty-three Years Old.

Miss Anna Colgate, of this city, sent a cable message from Europe a few days ago ordering the humane destruction of a horse that had been a pet of hers for years, but which had become old and feeble. The horse was thirty-three years old. Miss Colgate had driven the faithful animal for years and was so attached to it that she decided to shoot and let it die in ease. Eleven years ago it was retired and sent to the farm of Eugene Ely, at Holmdel, N. J.

The last few weeks the horse has been so feeble that it was kindred to kill it. As soon as Miss Colgate learned of the horse's condition, she ordered that she sent a cable message to her agent in this city directing him to arrange for the humane destruction of the horse. He had the horse shot.

## CLOAK MAKER DENIES CHARGES.

John Bonwit, a cloak manufacturer at No. 5 Union Square, where he employs 425 hands, called at District Attorney Jerome's office yesterday and denied the allegations made Thursday that the cloak and suit manufacturers were employing men to beat their striking employees.

## NO SLEEP—SEEKS DEATH.

### Suicide Says Insomnia Drove Him to Kill Himself.

J. M. Brooks, said to be connected with the Standard Oil Company, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in the Florence Apartment House, at 4th-ave. and 18th-st., by shooting himself in the right temple.

Brooks had lived at the hotel for fifteen years. He was married, his wife and two-year-old son, David, being at the present time at the Hotel Wentworth, Kennebunk, Me.

Brooks left his room, which was on the seventh floor of the hotel, yesterday and walked toward the elevator shaft. He wore all his clothing, except his coat and hat. Standing near the elevator shaft, the man sent a bullet into his temple. Dr. McKenzie, of Bellevue Hospital, said the man had died instantly. Coroner Scholer, when he reached the hotel, found a note which read:

"Insomnia drives me to this deed. I am too ill to hold up longer. I do not want to burden any one with my illness. I have everything to live for if only I can sleep."

Included in the note was a \$10 bill and a postscript said: "Give this to Mrs. Brooks."

At the trial of the Standard Oil Company, at No. 26 Broadway, it was said that Brooks was not connected with the company in the case of the oil, but that he might have had a minor position. His name, it was said, was not on the payroll of the company at its Broadway office.

## NO ONE HELD GUILTY.

### Coroner Renders Verdict in Twentieth Century Wreck.

Painesville, Ohio, Aug. 25.—Coroner York, of Lake County, rendered his verdict this afternoon in connection with the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore Railroad at Mentor, near the death of a number of persons. The coroner said the testimony was insufficient to hold any one guilty of criminal negligence. He added, however, that the testimony was sufficient to hold the switch which caused the wreck was opened by an employee of the company. He mentioned no name.

## FIRE LADDER USELESS.

### Chief Croker Surprised by Delay in Following His Orders.

There was much comment in inner circles of the Fire Department yesterday over a visit which Chief Edward P. Croker made to the house of Truck 18, in 57th-st., next door to Headquarters, on Thursday, and his actions and remarks.

It is said he found that the eighty-five foot extension ladder of the engine had been broken and destroyed St. Thomas's Church three weeks ago. The story ran that the ladder had broken down when an attempt had been made to raise it at the big 5th-ave. fire, and that Chief Croker had ordered that it be repaired at once. One of the cables had parted, so that it was impossible to hoist the ladder.

This truck, one of the latest fashion, and supposedly one of the best equipped pieces of apparatus in the department, responds to first alarms in a district in which are located seven hospitals and four charitable homes.

It is understood that Chief Croker inspected the truck on a visit to Headquarters Thursday and found that the ladder had not been repaired. He thereupon telephoned at once to Battalion Chief John H. Leonard, chief of construction and repairs of apparatus, at the shops in West 34-st., and wanted to know why his orders for the immediate repair of the truck had not been carried out.

As a result of Chief Croker's inspection, two men from the repair shops went to the truck house yesterday and attempted to repair the broken cable. They found that this could not be done in the house. They then removed both cables and the broken cable was out of town last night, and the repair shops for fitting.

Acting Battalion Chief Sheridan, in command of the company, told last night that the cable had broken down only a few days ago, and declared that it had been repaired promptly after the St. Thomas fire. He said the one the strung of the cable had broken and that it had been made necessary to repair that portion of the cable.

Chief Croker's visit to the truck house, and Battalion Chief Leonard could not be found.

## LEAVES \$300,000 FOR POOR.

### Will of Mrs. Julia E. Hackley Gives Nearly a Million to Charity.

Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 25.—The will of Mrs. Julia E. Hackley, widow of a wealthy philanthropist, Charles H. Hackley, was filed for probate to-day. It leaves \$300,000 to the City of Muskegon as an endowment fund, to be known as the Julia E. Hackley Memorial Fund, for the poor of the city. Other bequests are: Hackley Hospital, Muskegon, \$300,000; Muskegon Hospital, \$100,000; St. Ignace First Baptist Episcopal Church, Centerville, N. Y., \$5,000.

After numerous bequests to relatives, Mrs. Hackley leaves the remainder of the estate to